[H]OUSTON WHOLESALE MARKET

[MO]DERATE TRADE. NO UNUSUAL FEATURES.

[Receipt]s of Oranges Light—Tomato and [Frui]t Situation—Lemons More Active—Flour Down 10c.

[There] was nothing unusual in the features [of the] wholesale trade yesterday and a very [modera]te but general demand was in evi[dence] from the various supporting quarters.

[There] was a decline of 10c on prices for [flour].

[Eggs] continue rather weak at 13@13½c. [Receip]ts are liberal enough for the demand [the sh]ortness of which causes prices to [...]

[The] supplies of shipping stock of [banana]s are light, while there is an abun[dance] of small bunches. Arrivals are ex[pected] today which will relieve the situa[tion].

[The] lemon situation shows noticeable ac[tivity] and prices are ruling firm. Advices [from] the East indicate that some decline [has oc]curred on soft and inferior fruit, but [there] is no change in the strength of bet[ter gra]des.

[The] end of the strawberry season is in [sight]. While there was much inferior stock [the] receipts yesterday prices were firmer [and r]anged from $1.25@2.00. The arrivals [are m]ore scattering each day and advices [from] the field point to an early exhaustion [of the] supplies.

[A r]epresentative of one of the leading [produ]ce firms writes as follows from the [Jackso]nville district: "The tomato crop has [suffer]ed considerably on account of so much [rain]. They are cracking open on the bush [and] the worms are injuring them. The [movem]ent on good fruit will begin about [June] 1."

[The] market is now slimly stocked on [orang]es on account of the swift demand [that] met late receipts. The demand in the [last] few days, however, is showing the ef[fect] of the very high prices, which will no [doub]t limit the trade in the future. Light receipts are also expected and a small movement will prevail.

The Journal of Commerce reviews the coffee situation as follows:

During the past week a better tone has developed in the coffee market, especially in speculative circles, and prices have gradually hardened. The strength has appeared to come largely from the European markets. Private advices report that sentiment appears to be changing again among some of the trade in Europe, and that there has been something of an improvement in the trade demand.

A factor that is beginning to be more generally discussed in the coffee trade is the advancing tendency to the rate of sterling exchange in Rio. The latest official quotation received from Rio is 12 11-32d, and there appears to be a general impression among those who follow this feature closely that the rate will advance to at least 13d, which, should prices for coffee in the consuming markets remain on their present level, means a decidedly low mill reis price in Brazil.

Owing to the damage which the growing Brazil crop suffered during the forepart of the season some of the trade argue that the coming crop will not only be a smaller one, but that it will be late. It is said, however, that advices have been received during the week from Brazil, saying that new crop coffee will begin to arrive at Rio and Santos at about the beginning of July.

The movement of the Brazil crop has continued heavy, although during the past two or three days there has been a moderate falling off in the receipts, especially at Santos. Attention, however, has been called to the fact that, should the arrivals at Rio and Santos for the remainder of the present crop year equal those for the same period last season, the total arrivals at Rio and Santos for the crop year 1901-1902 will be 15,200,000 bags.

In the speculative market the feature for the past few days has been the steady buying by the commission and brokerage house of Lehman Bros. This firm, it will be recalled, was a conspicuous seller last December and January of September and December coffee contracts at in the neighborhood of 7c per pound; in fact, their sales were reported by some of the trade as amounting to several hundred thousand bags and were generally supposed to be for short account. The buying which is now developing, it is supposed by many, is to cover these contracts. Thus far the selling has been only scattered, due largely to the fact that Brazil has been firm and higher and the bear interests have not been able to purchase supplies to advantage in either Rio or Santos and sell against them here. Out-and-out extensive short selling on the present low basis of prices has not been an attractive venture even to the bear interests; consequently prices have gradually improved despite the fact that the statistical position continues a decidedly bearish one.

HOUSTON CURRENT QUOTATIONS.

[A] comparison of these quotations shows [man]y advantages in favor of Houston as a [who]lesale market. When the buyer consid[ers] the benefits to be derived from Hous[ton']s freight rates he will find that even [whe]n the quotable figures at other markets [are] lower, the price finally paid is general[ly] greater. The prices are those ruling [amon]g Houston wholesale merchants, and [are] revised daily.

CANNED GOODS.

[CA]NNED FRUITS—Apples, 3-lb, 95c@[...]; pineapples, sliced, $1.10; eyeless and [...]ss, $1.65@1.75; extra grated, $1.80@[...]; pears, 2-lb, 80c; strawberries, 2-lb, [...]@1.20; blackberries, 2-lb, 80@85c; [pea]ches, 2-lb, $1.00@1.15.

[CA]NNED VEGETABLES—Tomatoes, 2-lb, [full] weight, $1.15; 3-lb, full weight, $1.35; [...] seconds, $1.00@1.05; 3-lb, seconds, [$1.]25; okra and tomatoes, 2-lb, $1.00; [sauer]kraut, 3-lb, $1.05@1.10; California [asp]aragus, 2½-lb, $1.95@2.10; 1-lb Califor[nia] asparagus tips, $2.00; baked beans, 3-lb, [...]; 2-lb string beans, 85c; 2-lb kidney [bea]ns, 85c; 2-lb stringless beans, $1.25; 2-lb [ma]rrowfat peas, $1.10; 2-lb American petit [pois], $1.50@1.75; A1 corn, $1.00; 2-lb Blue [Lab]el corn, 85c; Pride of Maryland, 95c; [...]ark, 90c; "Better than Gold," 85c@[...]

[C]ALIFORNIA FRUIT—Extra standard, [...] peaches, lemon cling, $1.95@2.00; [Yell]ow Crawford, $1.85@1.95; black cher[ries], $2.00@2.25; white cherries, $2.25@[...]; apricots, $1.80@1.90; strawberries, [$...]@2.10; plums, $1.65@1.75; grapes, [$...]@1.75; seconds, 10c per dozen less [tha]n extra standard prices.

[CA]NNED MOLASSES—P. & F. Old Fash[ion]ed, gallons, $3.10 per case; ½ gallons, [$3.]50 per case; ¼ gallons, $3.75 per case; [Ca]romel syrup, 2-lb cans, 90@95c; Gold [Me]dal brand, fancy table syrup, quart jars, [$...]0 per dozen; B. B. & Co., Gold Medal [...], 95c; 3-lb, $1.35; 5-lb, $2.25; 10-lb, [$4.]25.

HEAVY STAPLES.

[A]MMUNITION—Powder, per keg, $4.00; [bla]sting powder, $1.65 per keg; drop shot, [per] sack, $1.45; buck, $1.70.

[B]ACON—Extra short clear, in sacks, [...]12½c; regulars, 12½@12¾c; boxed, ¼c [high]er; bellies, 12½@12¾c.

[B]UTTER OIL—In barrels, 48c; half bar[rels], 50c.

[B]AGGING AND TIES—Bagging, 2-lb, [...]; 2¼-lb, 7½c; Arrow ties, less than car[loa]d lots, from Houston, $1.25.

[C]ANDY—Stick, wrapped, basis 24, No. 2, [...]c per lb; No. 1 full weight, basis [...]7@7½c per lb; special sizes, ½c high[er; ...] mixed, 3½@15c, as to quality.

[C]ANDLES—Star, full weight, 10c; Gran[...] full weight, 10½c; Electric Lights, 8¼c.

[C]EMENT—Portland, $2.75@3.25; Rosen[dale], $1.75@2.00.

[C]OFFEE—Rio, fair, 8¼@8½c; prime, 9@[...]; choice, 9¾@10c; fancy, 10¼@11c; Pea[berr]y, 12¼@13½c; Cordova, 13½c; roasted [coff]ees, Arbuckle's Ariosa, basis 100-lb [...], 11c, delivered; Apex, 11.40c; Lion, [...]; Gold Seal Mocha and Java, 1-lb [can]s, 28c; Mocha and Java blend, 1-lb cans [...] and 4-lb pails, 18½c; International [Jav]a blend, 1-lb tins, 18½c; 2 and 4-lb pails, [...]; Royal Anna Mocha and Java, 1-lb [...], 28c; bulk, 26c.

[C]RACKERS—A B C soda, bulk, boxes, [...]; 1-lb cartons, per dozen, 90c; ginger [sna]ps, 7½c; creams, 8c; stage planks, 6½c; [...]s and jumbles, 11c.

[F]LOUR—Basis 48-lb sacks: Fancy high [pat]ent, $4.30@4.45 fancy half-patent, $4.05; [th]ird grade, $3.75; 24-lb sacks, 10c per bar[rel] higher; flour in wood, 15c per barrel [hig]her.

[F]ARINACEOUS GOODS—Grits, hominy [and] cream meal, in 40-lb sacks, per sack, [...]; pearl meal, in 36-lb sacks, $2.70 per [bar]rel of four sacks; Scotch oats, $3.25; [Qui]cks oats, $3.25; Columbia oats, $3.00; [Ha]wkeye oats, $3.00; Hecker's buckwheat, [...] packages, $4.80.

[L]ARD—Refined tierce compounds, 9@[...]; leaf, 11¾@11¾c; 50-lb cans, ¼c higher; [10-lb] cans, ¼c higher; 3-lb cans, 1c higher.

[H]AMS—Standard, 13½c; fancy, 13¾@[...]; picnic hams, 8¾c.

[L]IME—Bulk, $1.00 per barrel; coopered, [...]

[H]ONEY—In barrels, 65@75c per gallon; [...] 60-lb cans, extracted, 5@6c per pound; [...] bulk 8@11c; in 12-lb cans, extracted, [...]; pound sections, 12@13c.

[M]OLASSES—Reboiled, fair, 16½@18c; [pri]me, 20@21c; choice, 25@26c; fancy new [cro]p syrup, 32@33c; pure new crop syrup, [...]

[C]ONDENSED MILK—Eagle, $6.75@7.00; [M]agnolia, $4.65@4.75; Dime, $3.85@3.90; [Ch]allenge, $4.15@4.20; Winner, $4.25@4.35.

[O]YSTERS—1-lb full weight, 4 oz, 85@90c; [2-l]b, full weight, 8 oz, $1.60@1.70; 5 oz, [...]55c; 1-lb light weight, 55@60c; 2-lb, [ligh]t weight, 85@90c; lunch oysters, 1-lb, [...], $1.00.

[P]ICKLES—Five-gallon kegs, $1.90; 10-[gal]lon kegs, $3.75; ½-bbls, $4.50@4.55; pints, [Am]erican style, $1.00; quarts, American [style], $1.80; ½-gallon hexagon, $7.50.

[R]ICE—Extra fancy head, 6½@6¾c; choice [...]; fair, 4½@4½c; fancy imported, [...]; common, 4c.

[R]OPE—Sisal, basis 7-16, 11c; Manilla, [...]

[S]ALT—Louisiana, coarse, 85c; fine, 85c; [...] 28-10s, $2.50; 60-5s, $2.45; 100-3s, [...]; 10-4s, $2.50.

[S]ALT FISH—Mackerel, No. 1, in 10-lb [...] none; half-barrels, 70-lb, No. 1, $5.00@[...]; tubs, $5.50@5.75.

[S]ALMON—Fancy Pillar Rock, Columbia [Riv]er, $1.85@2.00; Castle Rock, Columbia [Riv]er, $1.75; Spear, Alaska, $1.15; Toy, [Co]lumbia River, $1.25; Blue Bell, Columbia [Riv]er, 95c; Violet brand, $1.80; Carnation brand, Fancy Red Alaska, $1.35@1.40; Pink Alaska, $1.10.

SARDINES—American quarters, $3.65@3.45; mustard, $3.25@3.35; imported Gillette grade, quarters, $12.50; fancy sprats, quarters, $8.00@10.00, according to grade.

STARCH—Standard goods: Pearl, in 40-lb boxes, 4¾@4¾c; Royal Gloss or Archer, bulk, 5@5¼c. Nickel, 100 packages, per box, $3.25@3.35; corn starch, 5¾c per lb, 20 and 40-lb boxes.

SUGAR—Quotations are for small lots; special rates are given on carload orders. Standard granulated, 5c; cubes and powdered, 5¾c; Louisiana yellow, clarified and fancy, 4¼c; choice, 4c.

PRODUCE.

BEESWAX—Prime Texas, 22@23c per pound.

BEANS—Imported navy beans, 3¾@3½c. Bayou, 4c; English dried, 3¼c; pink, 4c; black eyed, 6c; Michigan navy, 2¾c; California navy, 4¾@4¾c; Snaps, $3.50 per bushel; wax, $1.50 per bushel; California Limas, 5½@6c; fresh wax beans, 65@75c per bushel crate.

BUTTER—Blue Star, 24c; dairy, 22c; Elgin creamery, 25@26c; Texas bricks, 16c. Oleomargarine—Lincoln solids, 12½c; Lincoln prints, 13½c; Daisy solids, 10@11c; prints, 18c; Moxley's special, 18@19c; Crystal Gem and country rolls, 19c; Empire State special, 15c; special Blue Star, 18c; Elgin dairy bricks, 20c; Ideal, 11½c; Purity creamery, 20 and 30-lb tubs, 22c; 1-lb prints, 24c; Elgin creamery, solids, 18c; country butter in pails, 10@20c.

CABBAGE—1¼@1½c.

CHEESE—Wisconsin full cream rolls, 16c; Wisconsin full cream daisies, 15@16c; Wisconsin half cream, 14@14½c.

EGGS—Texas, 13@14c.

KRAUT—New, in half barrels, $3.00@3.25.

ONIONS—New crop, per bushel, 75@85c.

PEPPER—Chile, new, 15@16c per pound; black Singapore, 15c.

POTATOES—Colorado potatoes, $1.55@1.40; new potatoes, 75@80c per bushel.

PEANUTS—Jumbo, per pound, 7@7¼c; fancy hand picked No. 1, 6@6½c.

PECANS—Texas, per pound, 10@12c, according to size.

POULTRY—Chickens, hens, good, $4.00@4.25; fryers, large, $4.25@4.50; broilers, $2.50@3.00; mixed lots, $3.25@3.50; cocks, large, old, $1.80@2.00; ducks, large $3.00@3.50; geese, full feathered, $3.00@4.50; turkeys, hens, $7.00@10.00; gobblers, $8.00@12.00.

TOMATOES — Floridas, fancy, $3.25; choice, $2.75; Texas, 4-basket crates, $1.25.

DRIED FRUITS AND NUTS.

APPLES—Fancy evaporated 50-lb boxes, 10¼@10½c; 1-lb cartons, fancy, 10@11c, cartons, choice, 10¼@10½c; choice evaporated, 9¾@10c; sun dried, 6¼@7¼c.

APRICOTS—Per lb, loose, 10@11c.

CITRON—In 10-lb boxes, 14c.

CURRANTS—25-lb boxes, cleaned, bulk, 8½@9c; 1-lb cartons, 9¾@11c.

DATES—1-lb packages, 7½@8c; Fard dates, 9c; Hallowei, bulk, 60-lb boxes, 5@6c.

FIGS—Imported, 12½@15c.

PEACHES—Choice new stock, 9@9¼c.

RAISINS—California, 3-crown, L. L. boxes, $1.65@1.75; ¼-lb boxes, L. M. raisins, 60@70c; 2-crown, L. M. raisins, 50-lb boxes, 7½@7¾; 3-crown, L. M. raisins, 7¾@8c.

PRUNES—California, 90-100s, 5c; 80-90s, 5½c; 70-80s, 6c; 60-70s, 6½c; 50-60s, [...]; 40-50s, 8c.

NUTS—Brazil, 16@17c per lb; filberts, Sicily, 13c; California walnuts, 13@14c; peanuts, fancy hand picked, 6@6½c; No. 2, 4¾@5c; Jumbo 7@7½c; almonds, Taragona, 16@17c per lb in sacks; California almonds, 15c; pecans, 10@12c, according to size.

FRUITS.

BANANAS—Loose, $1.50@1.65, packed, $1.75@2.00; per pound, 2¾@3c.

CHERRIES—California Red, per box, $1.75@2.00.

LEMONS—Messinas, $3.50; California, $2.75@3.00.

ORANGES — California navels, $4.00@4.25; Mediterranean sweets, $3.75.

PEACHES—Per box, 50c@$1.00; 4-basket crates, 85c@$1.40, according to quality.

STRAWBERRIES — Crate, 25 quarts, $1.25@2.00, according to quality.

BLACKBERRIES — Cultivated, crates, $1.75@2.25.

PINEAPPLES—Per crate, $4.50@4.75.

GRAIN AND HAY.

Quotations for carload lots delivered on tracks, Houston or other points taking same rate. Dealers charge from store 5@10c per 100 pounds more on bran, 2@3c per bushel on oats and corn, 10@15c per 100 on hay.

BRAN—Per 100 pounds, $1.20@1.22.

CORN CHOPS—Pure, $1.48@1.50.

OATS—No. 2 mixed, sacked 55c; No. 3 white, sacked, 55c; No. 2 white, sacked, 56c; Texas red rust proof oats, sacked, 57c.

CORN—No. 2 mixed, sacked, 82c; No. 2 white, sacked 83c.

HAY—Choice alfalfa, $15.00@15.50; choice timothy, $18.50@19.00; South Texas prairie hay, $8.00@10.00; North Texas and Territory hay, $14.00@16.00.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.

Quinine, 38@40c per ounce bottle; morphine, $2.25@2.50 per ounce; cocaine, $5.25 per ounce; borax, 8¼c per pound in 100-lb packages; copperas, $2.00 in barrels; castor oil, $1.20 per gallon in 5-gallon packages; epsom salts, $1.75 per 100 lbs in barrels; sulphur, $2.65 per 100 lbs in barrels; alum, 3½c per pound in barrels; saltpeter, 7c per pound in barrels; camphor, 70c; wood alcohol, 75c@$1.00; gum opium, $4.80; powdered opium, $4.80; carbolic acid, 40@42c per pound in bottles; calcium carbide, $5.20 per 100, delivered Texas common railway points.

PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.

White lead, per cwt, strictly pure, $6.25; second grade, $6.00; third grade, $5.00. Turpentine, per case, two 5-gallon cans, $5.75; barrel lots, 51c per gallon. Mineral paints, 60c per gallon. Venetian reds, per cwt, $1.50; yellow ochre, per cwt, $1.00. Linseed oil, best, boiled, 70@71c. Ready mixed house paints, $1.00. Window glass, 88 and 80 per cent off January list.

METALS.

TIN—Firm, $28.50@29.50; lead, unchanged, 6c.

GALVANIZED SHEET IRON—65 and 5 per cent discount.

BLACK SHEET IRON—No. 27, $4 per 100 pounds.

ROOFING TIN—Machine made, $10.50@11.00 per box; old style, $16.50@18.50 per box.

SOLDER—Half and Half, 17@18c per pound.

CORRUGATED IRON—Galvanized, $5.00 per square.

HARDWARE.

WIRE NAILS—$2.95 base per keg.

BARBED WIRE—Galvanized, Glidden, $3.80 per 100 lbs; galvanized Baker, $3.85 per 100 lbs.

NEW YORK COTTON STEADY.

Steady Net Six to Fifteen Points Lower. Active Demand for Shorts.

New York, May 22.—The cotton market opened steady with prices 1 to 5 points higher, and for a time displayed strength on active demand from shorts and moderate buying. The commission house contingent, however, took advantage of this further improvment in prices to secure profits on cotton, which had been carried through the previous bulge and subsequent break, fearing to risk possible additional advances later. The receipts were again very light, the cables reflected a firm situation abroad and spot demand was fairly active in the South. On the other hand, weather and crop reports were almost perfect, while absence of speculation and a three-day adjournment in Liverpool naturally checked active support by professional bulls. Later in the morning the first hour advance was wiped out and a slight net loss recorded. For the balance of the day the market dragged slowly lower and speculation dwindled to a scattering professional interchange of accounts. Wall street bear interests seemed to be selling freely throughout the day, presumably on the fine crop reports and absence of commission house support. Estimates for tomorrow's receipts point to a light movement and bullish week-end statistics. In the last half hour the market sold down to 8.89 for July and 8.59 for August under a scramble of room longs to sell.

The close was steady net 6 to 15 points lower. Total sales were estimated at 150,000 bales, which was mostly present crop cotton.

NEW ORLEANS SPOT COTTON WEAK.

Local Losses Came Largely Through Realizing Sales.

New Orleans, May 22.—In spot cotton the demand is now running almost entirely upon grades ranging from middling to middling fair, and as there is but little cotton of that sort in the market, buyers found great difficulty in filling orders. Sales 3850 bales, including 1400 to arrive. Quotations unchanged.

After opening at an advance of from 3 to 4 points on near and 1 to 2 points on distant months, the market for the future delivery of cotton developed some weakness and at the noon hour the level was 4 to 5 points under the last figures of Wednesday. The surrounding guides were of a bullish tenor. Liverpool showed an advance of 3-32 with liberal sales and there was every indication of an increased trade demand. The local losses came largely through realizing sales and was in a measure accentuated by the action of the New York market and continued weak to the close, showing net losses of 10 to 13 points on summer months and 8 to 9 points on other positions.

H. & B. Beer's Letter.

(Special to The Post.)

New Orleans, May 22.—Liverpool advices were not encouraging, but our markets, nevertheless, opened 2 to 4 points higher on fresh buying, subsequently declined 10 to 16 on realizing and the absence of buyers, closing at a net loss of 11 to 12 points on summer months and 8 to 10 on new. The amount to be brought into sight during the week points to about 40,000 against 68,000 last year and 53,000 year before last. The visible supply is expected to be very bullish, owing to the large loss in the American, Bombay and Egyptian movements. Speculation, however, seems to be entirely out of cotton for the present, and trading is practically confined to professionals. Experts continue apathetic and claim that there is no possible way to enter into new engagements with spinners under existing conditions. Crop prospects are very favorable, and while operators recognize the strength of the statistical situation they are convinced there will be a sufficiency of the article for the world's consumption; therefore they consider the crop outlook overshadows the bullish figures of the movement especially with the existing level of values. Weather conditions and the spot demand from now on will regulate prices.

H. & B. Beer.

R. B. Morris & Co.'s Letter.

Houston, Texas, May 22.—In the absence today of an authentic confirmation of the report of peace having been declared in South Africa yesterday the markets at home and abroad proved to be a genuine disappointment. While the Liverpool opening figures were fully up to the advance made in our markets after the close of the former, that was all. The support expected from Liverpool failed to materialize and our markets did not seem to care to go it alone, so prices sagged downward. From the fact that Liverpool will be closed tomorrow and next day (Friday and Saturday) and taking into consideration the apparent apathy in that market today, leaves the situation somewhat mixed. If something does not happen on this side of the pond it is not likely that there will be much improvement in our market for the immediate future. However, we see nothing in the situation to cause a material decline. We believe that for the next few days that there will not be much to the market on either side.

R. B. Morris & Co.

BUTTER AND EGGS.

St. Louis, May 22.—Poultry—Steady; chickens 10; turkeys 8½; ducks 6½; geese [...] Butter—Steady; creamery 1[...]@23; [...]@4½; dairy 16@20. Eggs—Steady, 13½.

Chicago, May 22.—Butter—Weaker; creamery 18@21½; dairy 17@19. Cheese—Weak, 11½@11¾. Eggs—Steady; fresh 15.

New York, May 22.—Eggs—Receipts 12,013 packages; market firmer; Western storage packed 17@17½; Southern 14@15.

Kansas City, Mo., May 22.—Eggs—Steady, 13½.

MAYORS AT CORSICANA.

Not Enough of Them to Transact Any Business.

Corsicana, Texas, May 22.—Members of the Mayors' association began arriving this morning. Not enough have arrived to transact business. The day was spent in sightseeing and getting acquainted. They were taken in charge by the entertaining committee and driven over the city, after which they were invited and accepted an invitation to witness a game of baseball between Corsicana and Waco. They left tonight for fish tank No. 2, where a banquet was tendered the association. A meeting has been called for 9 o'clock tomorrow morning, when business will begin in earnest.

Escaped Convicts Captured.

Wills Point, Texas, May 22.—Two convicts from a camp in Hunt county were captured near here today by local Officers Pate and Hamm.

BEARISH CALL ON OIL STOCKS.

SOME ADVANTAGEOUS SALES, BUT MAJORITY WAS WEAK.

Anglo-American, Ground Floor and Houston and Beaumont Hold Up—Victor and Others Lower.

The call at the Oil and Stock Exchange yesterday was bearish throughout and there seemed to be little disposition to meet the level of sellers. Prices frequently showed increased weakness, and bids went to the bottom in accord with that tendency. The market undoubtedly is sharing in the general feeling of unrest that pervades the stock markets of the entire country which, coupled with the season of natural dullness in speculative circles, combines to cause the era of depression.

Anglo-American probably sold to best advantage. The best price of the previous call was given for the stock, and it could not be had for less. Activity increased on that basis and more than 5000 shares changed hands. Ground Floor felt the impulse of another dividend and the stock traded within 10c of its par value. Houston and Beaumont made a more favorable record and increased selling took place at an advance of ½c over preceding sales. The late improved demand that has appeared for Palestine Oil and Development brought results, and some very good lots were obtained at 1⅝c. The price did not show much improvement, but compared to very good advantage with former ones. Transactions occurred in Silver Dime at the good price that stock has recently brought, and more was wanted on the same basis.

Victor could be had at ½c less than on the preceding day and the entire demand was filled at that price. Bids afterward dropped to 2⅜c and the ask price was at 2½c. Geyser of Galveston struck a new figure of lowness and traded at 20, though the stock was afterward put back to the former ask price. Independence declined fully ½c. After the demand was filled at 5¾c offerings went down to 5c and very few takers appeared. Most buyers were ⅛@¼c under that price, and there was a rush to sell at the reduced price. Becky Sharp was weak and the offers made for the stock ranged ⅝c below ask price, which was down ⅛c. Holders of Beatty went ⅛c less than on the preceding day and still found very few takers. Most offers were down ⅛c. Maid of Orleans was a light trader on an unchanged basis, and prices on Equitable were compromised half way between the prior limits of traders. Sour Lake Springs sold at a high premium, but $14 lower than top prices. Merchants and Mechanics was about ⅛c less than the recent selling price, and later bids stood at 1c. Manhattan slumped sharply and touched 41c without bringing out buyers. The latter were 3c lower and the decline amounted to about 4c on the day. National Oil and Pipe followed a similar course and the stock was not wanted at bottom prices lately attained. Much was to be had around 20c and takers for quantities of any size ranged 5c lower. Bids for San Jacinto fell off 1c, and those for Grace and Gober dropped down [...]

The total sales amounted to 27,304 shares. The prices bid and asked at the close yesterday and the sales made were as follows:

UNLISTED STOCKS.

	Closing Bid.	Ask.	Capital.
Am. Oil and Refining Co. (new)	....	04	$5,000,000
Am. Oil and Refining Co. (old)	....	14	1,000,000
Alamo Oil Co.	....	$8 87	100,000
Apex	....	75	1,000,000
Anglo-American	01⅝	02	5,000,000
Atlantic and Pacific of N. Y.	....	75	1,000,000
Beau. Geyser	....	10	1,000,000
Beau. Confed	11	12	2,000,000
Beaumont and Pacific Slope	63	65½	300,000
Beau. Saratoga Oil and Pipe	4 00	7 50	300,000
Beau. and El P	....	20	1,000,000
Beau. Petroleum and Gas	....	30	200,000
Beatty (new)	01¼	01¾	300,000
Borealis Oil	....	25	240,000
Birmingham and Beaumont Oil	03¼	....	300,000
Becky Sharp Oil	02⅝	03⅜	1,000,000
Buffalo	04	05	300,000
Bayou City	30 00	47 50	50,000
Chi Crude Oil	02½	10	500,000
Citizens' Consol	....	18 00	1,000,000
Cascade Oil	....	02	85,000
Columbia Oil	....	30 00	25,000
Cattlemen's Consolidated	25	70	150,000
Consolidated Oil and Pipe	....	15 00	2,500,000
Drillers	05	05½	150,000
Drummers	....	50	250,000
Detroit-Beau. Oil Co.	45	85	100,000
Empire State	02⅜	04	5,000,000
Enterprise	....	08	150,000
El Paso	....	20	300,000
Equitable Land and Oil	03¼	04¾	500,000
Export O and P	30	....	2,000,000
El Beau. Oil Co.	14	17½	300,000
Federal Crude	....	05	450,000
Forward Reduction of W. Va	....	50	3,000,000
Fort Worth	05	06¾	100,000
Fountain Oil and Fuel Co.	....	60½	200,000
Forward Reduction (new)	2 30	3 00	5,000,000
J. M. Guffey Refining Co.	83 00	95 00	15,000,000
Globe Oil Co.	00⅝	01½	500,000
Grace	02	03	150,000
Gober	02	04	300,000
Gold Eagle O Co	....	10	300,000
Gladys of Beau	06	07	500,000
Ground Floor Oil Co.	78	56	100,000
German-Amer	10	15	2,500,000
Guarantee Oil	....	07½	300,000
Geyser Oil Devel	....	10	500,000
Geyser of Galv.	20	22	100,000
Galveston-Beau.	....	07	300,000
Gladys of Galv.	04½	08	250,000
Heus. and Beau.	21½	21	100,000
Hamman	....	5 00	200,000
Higgins	62 00	63 75	2,500,000
Heywood Oil Co	....	80 25	800,000
Home Oil Co.	10	....	1,000,000
Houston Oil Co. of Texas pf	....	86 00	30,000,000
International	01⅝	02	300,000
Independence Oil Co.	02⅞	03⅛	150,000
Ira O. Wyse Beau. Oil Co.	....	01½	300,000
King Oil of El P	....	14	300,000
Keith-Ward	....	45 00	1,000,000
Lone Acre	....	55 00	100,000
Lumberman's Oil	....	50	250,000
Lucky Dime	03	07	50,000
Lone Star and Crescent	....	05	2,500,000
La. Consolidated	....	02	300,000
Lone Star Oil and Fuel	02	04	5,000,000
Merchants and Mechanics	01	01¼	250,000
Madeline	....	03½	150,000
Maskemp	15	....	150,000
Magnolia Fuel O	02	....	300,000
Mobile and Beau	02½	....	300,000
Maid of Orleans	01⅝	02	300,000
Madeline Consolidated	....	50	1,500,000
Miss. Texas Oil	....	60	300,000
Manhattan	38	41	300,000
M. K. and T. of Beaumont	09	10	300,000
Nat'l O and P L	19	22	5,000,000
One Penny O. Co	....	01	1,000,000
Pales. and Beau.	21½	22	500,000
Paragon Oil	02	03	150,000
Pal. Oil Dev. Co.	01	02½	1,000,000
Producers Oil Co	....	100 00	1,500,000
Queen of Waco	....	65	200,000
Queen City of Beaumont	08	15	200,000
Rex Petroleum	....	10	300,000
Spindle Top (new)	....	35 00	600,000
Seaboard	....	01½	500,000
Sour Lake Oil Co	12 50	16 00	1,000,000
Spangler	....	10	250,000
Saratoga Oil and Pipe	10	....	1,000,000
San Jacinto Oil	10	13	250,000
Success Oil Co.	09	10	255,000
Silver Dime	10	11½	250,000
Sam Houston Oil Co.	....	05⅝	10,000,000
Southern Oil	02	....	500,000
Texas Big Four Oil and Pipe	01¼	02	300,000
Texas-Ill. Oil Co	....	02½	300,000
Texas Oil and Pipe Line	....	25	2,500,000
Texas Oil and Land	....	50	150,000
Texas Western	1 00	1 50	200,000
Texas Oil	....	2 00	500,000
Texas Geyser Oil	05	....	500,000
Texas Star Oil	20	....	100,000
Trenton Rock	10	12	300,000
Twentieth Century	5 00	60 00	500,000
United States Oil	....	01¼	1,000,000
Volcano	....	03	150,000
Vesuvius	....	02½	250,000
Victor (new)	02⅝	02¾	250,000
Yellow Pine	90 00	110 00	100,000
Young Ladies Oil	....	07	250,000
Zenith	....	50	300,000

MISCELLANEOUS STOCKS.

	Bid.	Ask.
American Brewing Ass'n	....	$65 00
Houston Land and Trust Co	$105 50	....
Houston Drilling and Supply Co.	....	65 00
International Creosote Co. of Beaumont	80 00	....
Moore-Cortes Canal Co.	....	1 00
Merchants National Bank	115 00	140 00
Magnolia Park Co.	....	75 00
Mutual Building and Loan Association	....	620 00
Planters and Mechanics National Bank	112 50	....
Rockdale Oil Mill Co.	....	150 00
South Texas National Bank	135 00	152 50
Sour Lake Springs Co.	136 00	148 00
Spindle Top Power Co.	75 00	125 00
Southwestern Dry Plate Co	....	105 00
Trinity Rice, Land and Irr.	....	60 00
Texas Savings, Real Estate and Investment Co.	40 00	....

SALES.

Companies—	Shares.	Price Paid.	Par.
Anglo-American	5,000	02	$1 00
Anglo-American	400	02	1 00
Ground Floor	50	90	1 00
Ground Floor	100	90	1 00
Merchants and Mech.	5,000	01⅛	10
Houston and Beau.	200	22	1 00
Houston and Beau.	200	22	1 00
Paragon	400	02⅝	10
Pal. Oil and Dev. Co	2,000	01⅝	10
Silver Dime	1,000	10	10
Geyser of Galveston	200	20	1 00
Geyser of Galveston	100	20	1 00
Geyser of Galveston	100	20	1 00
Victor	2,000	02¼	10
Victor	1,000	02⅜	10
Victor	1,500	02⅜	10
Victor	1,000	02⅜	10
Victor	500	02⅜	10
Beatty	550	01⅜	10
Sour Lake Springs	4	136 00	25 00
Equitable L. and Oil	2,000	04	10
Independence	3,100	05¾	05
Independence	200	05⅝	05
Independence	500	05	05
Becky Sharp	200	03⅛	10
Maid of Orleans	100	02	10

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In Its Contribution to the Texas World's Fair Fund.

Dallas, Texas, May 22.—General Manager Louis J. Wortham of the Texas World's Fair commission telegraphed from St. Louis this afternoon stating that the Frisco Railroad company had agreed to contribute $5000 to the Texas World's Fair fund, which fact would be formally announced by a representative of that company at the meeting of the executive offices of the Texas railroads to be held in Dallas May 27.

The proposition considered at a former meeting was that the Texas lines contribute $5 for each mile operated in the State. The Frisco's contribution is largely in excess of the suggested assessment.

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If you will call at their offices they will demonstrate to you their ability by telling you frankly your exact condition before asking you to explain your case to them. They consider an expert specialist should be able to find out for themselves the patient's exact condition, and claim this is the best proof of a physician's ability to handle these Special and Chronic Diseases.

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They continue to surprise the public more and more, for hardly a day passes without some one telling their friends of the great work the Southern Specialists have done for them after they had failed to obtain relief from other doctors.

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GOMEZ, THE SIGNER. 29

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GOMEZ, THE SIGNER. 29

WANTED—Gentle horse for lady to drive, or will trade young mare. 702 Walker. 24

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HAY, HAY—I want from one to five cars per day. Mail sample and prices. G. L. Taft, San Antonio, Texas. 6-9

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